

4 January 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

Your Classified Suggestion dated
24 November 1978

1. I have been asked to respond to your letter of November 24, 1978 to the Director in which you propose the addition of certain security measures to the IC Headquarters building.

2. Your observations parallel those made previously when the overall security package was devised for that facility. The balanced consideration of the many options for devising security protective features included full discussion of your proposal. In weighing viable options and selecting procedures and devices, it was found that factors militated against the construction you proposed. Accordingly, alternative methods were adopted which afford a comparable degree of security.

3. In connection with your second idea related to a better vehicle for soliciting and evaluating suggestions of possible value to the Intelligence Community, may I point out that such a mechanism already exists. Normally, ideas flow through channels and in this process are afforded supplemental or complemented observations. Each department or agency of the Intelligence Community has a suggestion box and those concepts that warrant attention do wend their way, ponderously perhaps, but ultimately to the proper person for review and appropriate action. I do not agree that use of official or nonofficial publications to solicit innovative and worthy proposals would be a better way. It is incumbent on all of us to forward our observations and recommendations on any issue that would further our goals and improve the security of the effort.

4. May I wish you the best for the New Year.

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